



TOGUE POND, LOWER

T2 R9 WELS, Piscataquis Co.

U.S.G.S. Katahdin, Me (7½')

Fishes

Landlocked salmon	Common shiner
Brook trout	Creek chub
Splake	Fallfish
Rainbow smelt	White sucker
White perch	Hornpout (bullhead)
Yellow perch	Burbot (cusk)
Chain pickerel	Banded killifish
Minnows	Redbreast sunfish
Lake chub	Pumpkinseed sunfish
Golden shiner	American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 384 acres

Temperatures:

Maximum depth - 53 feet

Surface - 78°F

24 feet - 55°F

Principal fisheries: Splake, landlocked salmon, brook trout, white perch, smelt

Togue Pond is an exceptionally beautiful clear water pond at the base of Mt. Katahdin. The pond is encompassed by Baxter State Park. Most of the shoreline is gravel and rock, with many large boulders. There are some very nice sandy beaches along the shore too. Boulders extend above the water around two small islands in the pond, and there is a large area of vegetation around the thoroughfare connecting Lower Togue Pond with Upper Togue Pond. Three tributaries provide excellent spawning for smelt and limited spawning for brook trout. The outlet provides limited spawning for salmon and brook trout.

Water quality conditions for brook trout and salmon are good, but competition with pickerel and perch is very high. Salmon were first introduced in 1959 and continued until 1994. Smelts were also first introduced in 1959 as a food source for the salmon. The salmon produced a good fishery for many years, but the competition became too great. It was decided that splake would compete better and use these fish as a food source. In 1995 splake were introduced for the first time. Splake have proven to be worthy competitor with these warmwater species in lower togue. Splake will continue to be stocked on a regular basis to maintain a fishery.

The access road to the south gate entrance to Baxter State Park passes next to Lower Togue Pond, hence it is accessible by car. In the winter road is not plowed, however it is open to use by snowmobiles. Boat facilities are limited to carrying about 20' from the road. Snowmobile and motor restrictions are also in place.

Special fishing regulations are in effect for both winter and summer.

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